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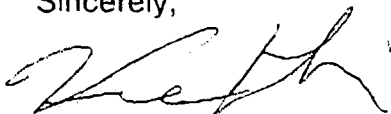
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to take a moment to express my support for the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice in November. I believe it is time to move forward and stop this unnecessary litigation.

I believe Microsoft has agreed to many tough concessions to reach this agreement. One such concession is that Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows. This should satisfy those consumers who felt they were locked into only using Microsoft products as it allows them to buy competing products if they so desire.

This agreement will allow Microsoft to return their focus solely to producing the next generation of innovations. Microsoft can turn its attention to the competitive environment instead of the legal environment. I hope your support of this consumer-friendly settlement will continue. Let's remember that this country was founded on competitive ideas.

Sincerely,



Verne Kaminski